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In Re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant(s): Mitsumasa MURAISHI)

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For: METHOD OF FORMING A)
SEMICONDUCTOR LASER CHIP)
HAVING A MARKER)

Atty. Dkt.: OKI 379)

**RESPONSE TO
ELECTION OF SPECIES
REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Election of Species Requirement dated March 22, 2005, Applicant elects the embodiment of species I, as shown in Figures 1A through 1D, for examination. Claims 1 through 7, and 15 through 20 read on the elected species. The election is made without traverse. By making this election and selecting these claims for examination, however, Applicant does not restrict the scope of the listed claims to only the features of the exemplary embodiment shown in Figs. 1A through 1D. Rather, these claims may also read, for example, on other exemplary embodiments described in the specification, and should be afforded the broadest scope allowed by the relevant prior art.

Examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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